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This Bulletin, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician shows the monthly factory production in Victoria of certain commodities. For the purpose of the accompanying statistics a "factory" is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more hands are employed or in which power other than hand is used. Monthly averages for the years 1938-39, 1947-48, 1948-49 and 1949-50 and monthly production for the latest six months (October 1950 to March, 1951) are shown.

Many of the items included here are shown in greater detail in other publications of the Bureau.

The Bulletin is published as near as possible to the beginning of each month and figures of the production of each of the commodities listed are given up to the latest available month. For each commodity the Authority responsible for the present collection is indicated alongside the title. Figures up to 1948-49 inclusive are taken from the Government Statistician's annual factory returns wherever possible. It should be noted that in some cases annual returns are accepted from factories for periods other than those ending on June 30th each Year.

The scope of the bulletin will be widened from time to time to include new information as it becomes available.

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- * Figure revised.

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Commodity	Source	Unit	Monthly Averages				Monthly Production latest six months					
			Year				1950			1951		
			1938-39	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
FUEL:												
Briquettes	G.S.	Tons	33,329	45,436	46,558	48,464	37,756	13,303	20,108	46,117	44,440	52,898
Black Coal	J.C.B.	"	26,900	13,500	12,900	11,684	7,402	3,710	11,073	11,020	10,700	7,913
Brown Coal	G.S.	"	303,624	534,623	585,044	634,997	563,031	441,695	441,345	569,019	555,324	638,669
HEAT LIGHT & POWER:												
Gas made in Gasworks	G.S.	Mill.Cu.Ft.	594	1,014	1,009	884	1,041	964	875	816	645	734
Total Electricity Generated	G.S.	Mill.K.W.H.	102	188	209	226	240	224	211	218	218	223
BUILDING MATERIALS:												
Bricks	M.P.D.	'000	16,437	11,807	12,754	11,543	10,784	13,351	11,452	11,081	12,436	12,934
Fibrous Plaster	M.P.D.	'000 Sq.yds	273	458	510	450	454	440	277	315	414	396
Tiles - Cement	M.P.D.	'000	252	1,084	1,290	1,539	1,808	1,762	1,243	1,097	*1,628	1,652
" Terra Cotta	M.P.D.	'000	1,145	920	915	943	1,094	1,168	797	767	1,030	958
Sawn Native Timber	F.A.	'000 Sup.Ft.	10,016	21,709	23,488	26,173	30,357	29,207	18,564	20,067	26,390	
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS:												
Soap - Household	G.S.	Cwt	16,024	14,689	16,592(a)	17,432	19,732	18,999	15,809	15,284	20,544	18,626
- Toilet & Hand	G.S.	"	1,489	2,617	3,934	4,647	4,825	4,646	3,695	4,728	4,035	4,540
- Flakes & Chips	G.S.	"	..	1,771	1,940	(b)	3,585	3,012	1,962	1,540	2,455	2,001
- Industrial	G.S.	"	..	2,425	3,008		2,248	1,265	912	1,812	2,947	2,685
- Sand	G.S.	"	3,156	1,954	673	4,967	999	825	673	637	792	850
- Soft	G.S.	"	445	764	486		635	492	588	605	588	627
- Liquid	G.S.	"	..	1,332	1,663		2,010	1,919	1,769	1,725	2,196	2,081
Soap Extracts & Powders	G.S.	"	10,277	18,162	20,746	23,242	25,544	26,433	18,520	21,203	22,492	19,669
Superphosphate	C&A	Tons	32,854	37,464	49,679	51,497	35,718	57,016	30,502	58,255	45,744	50,157
Sulphuric Acid	G.S.	"	16,543	14,801	19,333	19,945	16,764	19,723	15,033	20,522	18,422	20,531
REFINED METALS:												
Gold	M.D.	Fine Ozs	12,373	6,846	5,540	5,214	5,881	5,775	5,430	1,582	5,018	5,479
BUILDING FITTINGS:												
Stoves - Solid Fuel (c)	G.S.	Number	1,439	759	914	931	1,304	1,283	916	858	1,136	1,241
- Gas (c)	G.S.	"	1,987	1,274	1,460	1,343	1,463	1,529	1,124	793	1,283	1,517
Coppers - Gas	G.S.	"	..	229	359	709	952	906	665	176	415	3850
Bath Heaters - Solid Fuel	G.S.	"	..	586	523	759	892	814	638	377	723	752
- Gas	G.S.	"	..	556	458	247	807	705	619	392	770	672
Pans, Pedestal Earthenware	G.S.	"	..	..	..	2,970	3,818	3,173	1,828	2,247	2,404	3,359
Sinks, Stainless Steel	G.S.	"	..	3,913	4,008	4,176	5,064	5,469	3,572	3,288	4,698	3,931
PEDAL CYCLES: (made and/or assembled)	G.S.	"	2,581	3,109	2,635	2,901	2,820	3,590	3,138	2,769	2,841	

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ELECTRIC MOTORS: (d)												
Under 1 H.P.	G.S.	Number	..	(e) 1,226	3,729	4,170	5,428	5,577	4,023	3,226	4,383	4,356
1 H.P. and under 2½ H.P.	G.S.	"	..	..	634	985	513	661	589	627	901	592
2½ " " 5 H.P.	G.S.	"	..	..	..	505	443	388	98	320	394	115
5 " " 10 H.P.	G.S.	"	..	..	..	158	370	349	75	44	117	248
COTTON SEWING THREAD: (counts over 12)	G.S.	lb.	..	..	42,257	68,580	67,322	51,450	45,152	74,728	62,276	
COTTON TWEEDS:	G.S.	sq.Yds.	154,435	59,620	68,863	79,003	79,234	87,246	62,426	64,819	89,708	90,319
WOOL TEXTILES:												
Scoured Wool (f)	G.S.	'000 lb.	3,172	5,864	5,153	4,698	3,830	4,446	3,348	3,351	4,098	3,811
Wool Tops	G.S.	"	936	1,705	1,323	1,166	1,150	1,215	753	904	1,084	1,087
Yarn - Worsted	G.S.	"	612	1,111	1,137	1,092	1,080	1,180	740	730	*864	908
- Woollen	G.S.	"	731	1,268	1,186	1,173	1,234	1,218	828	787	*922	988
Woven Cloth	G.S.	'000 Sq.Yds.	1,415	1,830	1,891	1,749	1,877	1,714	1,298	1,322	1,532	1,524
HOSIERY:												
Women's, Maids, Girls'												
Full Fashioned & Circular	G.S.	Doz. Prs.	..	..	..	81,134	101,566	95,560	76,446	56,895	90,970	91,336
Anklets	G.S.	" "	..	..	..	21,659	32,508	30,493	16,166	16,594	27,096	24,055
Men's & Boys	G.S.	" "	..	..	..	87,976	119,002	110,885	83,608	72,873	98,663	94,896
Children's	G.S.	" "	..	..	..	32,651	44,559	40,766	29,452	23,858	33,631	36,152
KNITTED UNDERWEAR:												
Men's	G.S.	Doz. (g)	91,941	27,258	24,064	39,879	40,683	39,972	30,477	26,840	33,140	30,832
Women's	G.S.	Doz. (h)	67,687	62,523	77,575	83,744	83,026	72,694	57,036	73,564	69,060	
Children's	G.S.	Doz. (h)	20,926	16,103	25,140	29,108	25,173	22,465	15,649	23,929	24,111	
KNITTED OUTERWEAR:												
Cardigans, Jumpers, Sweaters etc.												
Men's & Women's	G.S.	Doz.	16,301	18,471	18,487	20,400	28,063	27,289	18,623	16,330	22,857	23,249
Boys & Girls'	G.S.	"	4,420	7,604	8,404	6,706	7,534	7,386	7,449	6,931	7,453	6,878
Bathing Suits	G.S.	"	1,944	2,440	1,757	1,839	3,170	2,214	1,038	490	262	80
CLOTHING: (except knitted)												
Shirts - Men's & Boys'	G.S.	Doz.	22,581	21,285	21,968	23,963	29,924	33,871	24,414	14,560	27,028	24,205
Pyjama Suits - Men's & Boys'	G.S.	"	6,097	5,089	6,637	6,380	5,245	5,479	3,457	2,540	6,268	5,227
GLOVES: (not rubber)												
Dress - Leather	G.S.	Doz. Prs.	77	2,722	2,605	1,510	1,657	1,683	1,002	790	1,208	1,398
- Fabric	G.S.	" "	..	2,790	1,788	2,007	2,778	2,900	1,778	1,420	2,626	2,898
Work	G.S.	" "	1,187	1,510	1,309	1,211	1,329	1,026	855	888	1,025	1,255

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FOOTWEAR: (not rubber)	Boots & Shoes	G.S.	'000 Prs.	622	651	610	634	736	733	507	491	633	601
	Sandals	G.S.	" "	..	50	65	51	78	83	51	41	51	77
	Slippers	G.S.	" "	352	396	379	358	408	398	276	239	322	311
FOOD, DRINK & TOBACCO:													
Flour (from Wheat)													
Biscuits	G.S.	Short Tons	36,402	40,651	38,982	36,195	41,573	24,187	25,687	37,218	35,556	36,571	
Confectionery - Chocolate Basis	G.S.	'000 lb.	1,697	2,540	2,677	2,731	2,981	2,818	2,637	2,073	1,947	2,588	
- Other	G.S.	"	1,121	1,709	2,172	2,664	2,714	2,503	1,372	1,172	1,387	1,594	
Beef & Veal	G.S.	Tons	9,499	8,757	9,835	10,551	10,492	10,208	9,434	11,475	11,780	11,728	
Lamb	G.S.	"	4,390	4,740	4,415	5,569	6,911	6,829	7,637	3,709	2,617	2,152	
Mutton	G.S.	"	6,454	4,311	5,147	6,708	4,284	4,400	5,328	7,398	6,709	4,374	
Pork	G.S.	"	897	595	719	546	591	518	1,105	818	1,048	1,002	
Bacon & Ham (Cured Weight)	G.S.	"	614	930	850	661	601	604	828	628	629	660	
Total Meat (in terms of fresh)	G.S.	"	23,688	19,666	21,271	24,273	23,095	22,776	24,630	24,254	23,009	20,154	
Butter (factory only)	G.S.	"	4,718	4,726	5,003	5,292	8,781	8,875	7,331	5,594	3,577	3,740	
Cheese (factory only)	G.S.	"	720	1,347	1,529	1,774	3,720	3,876	3,353	2,364	1,233	1,373	
Processed Milk Products	G.S.	"	..	4,984	5,379	5,708	8,472	9,602	8,012	5,891	4,306	4,220	
Ice Cream	G.S.	Calls.	88,801	312,100	321,363	234,389	437,744	480,647	718,642	842,883	698,008	532,512	
Beer	T&C	'000 Galls.	2,621	3,260	3,663	4,155	4,701	4,800	4,745	4,665	3,968	4,371	
Bran (from wheat)	G.S.	Short Tons	7,937	8,812	8,240	6,973	8,196	4,516	5,120	6,868	6,860	7,229	
Pollard (from wheat)	G.S.	" "	7,515	9,987	8,222	7,258	8,465	4,770	5,019	6,413	6,641	7,412	
Oatmeal and Rolled Oats	G.S.	Cwt.	11,786	30,648	16,241	14,814	9,718	7,530	4,954	5,230	5,714	9,490	
Prepared Breakfast Foods (wheat)	G.S.	"	4,053	9,834	10,141	11,684	10,371	11,692	8,937	9,221	12,037	11,400	
Edible Starch (Maize and Wheat)	G.S.	"	..	6,162	7,514	8,208	9,070	9,218	5,879	7,285	8,710	8,590	
Margarine - Table	G.S.	lb.	209,516	175,532	175,417	185,528	94,304	121,744	67,088	72,128	42,784	67,760	
- Other	G.S.	"	605,081	732,833	657,954	642,342	487,200	475,888	331,968	306,208	477,232	499,184	
Malt - Barley & Wheaten	G.S.	Bushel(40lb)	202,093	269,026	272,558	287,020	340,289	334,110	277,209	266,239	259,376	296,683	
Jams, Conserves & Jellies (i)	G.S.	'000 lb.	4,131	8,889	6,314	5,809	3,314	2,534	6,838	15,825	8,064	5,324	
Canned Apricots, Peaches and Pears (i)	G.S.	"	7,901	8,671	7,286	7,790	-	-	665	10,235	30,435	38,847	
Green Peas	G.S.	"	80	374	342	225	-	920	2,340	151	..	..
Other Vegetables (j)	G.S.	"	333	701	1,371	1,704	2,238	2,607	1,761	1,798	2,250	2,122	
Tobacco Cigars & Cigarettes (k)	T&C	"	634	832	813	850	922	818	930	702	892	924	
PERAMBULATORS: (Inc. Pushers & Strollers)	G.S.	Number	1,757	4,375	4,110	3,990	4,376	4,282	3,115	3,598	4,770	4,457	
MATTRESSES: Woven Wire													
Link Mesh & Spring	G.S.	"	..	4,037	5,467	5,581	8,903	8,885	6,628	4,823	6,852	6,473	
Inner Spring	G.S.	"	639	1,984	3,933	4,783	7,160	7,866	5,603	5,288	7,598	7,601	
Soft Filled & Other	G.S.	"	..	8,055	9,889	10,015	12,877	13,725	10,324	7,574	10,908	10,880	
FLOOR COVERINGS:													
Wool Felt & Carpets	G.S.	Sq. Yds.	..	55,567	74,629	107,006	142,906	133,915	109,529	71,991	129,008	120,393	

NOTES:

- (a) Includes Flakes & Chips.
- (b) Included with "Soap - Household".
- (c) Household and commercial cooking stoves to 1947-48, thereafter household cooking stoves only.
- (d) Figures for 1948-49 and 1949-50 include all motors made and incorporated in other products of the manufacturer.
- (e) Does not include motors made and incorporated in other products.
- (f) Includes carbonised wool.
- (g) Includes women's & children's.
- (h) Included in Men's.
- (i) Includes Tasmanian production.
- (j) Excludes all Tomato products.
- (k) Victorian factory production to 1948-49, thereafter quantities on which excise duty is paid.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

The following is the key to the code of present collecting authorities.

C. & A. Commonwealth Department of Commerce and Agriculture.

F.A. Forest Authorities.

G.S. Commonwealth or State Statistician.

J.C.B. Joint Coal Board.

M.D. State Department of Mines

M.P.D. State Building Materials Procurement Directorate.

T&C. Commonwealth Department of Trade & Customs.

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